years and the target set by some quarters for 2007 is 10 billion pounds;

(b) if so, whether Indo-British trade volumes have recorded significant growth in recent years and the trend is expected to continue in the days ahead;

(c) whether UK government has decided to have better trade ties with India;

(d) if so, whether any agreement has been signed in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) to what exten the trade between the two countries has improved further?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (f) India and UK have healthy trade relationship and UK continues to be one of the largest trading partner of India. Bilateral trade between the two countries during 2002-03 was US$ 5.25 billion, recording a growth of 11.16%. The growth trend is continuing in the current year also.

The 'Delhi Declaration' of January 2002 by the two Prime Ministers focussed *inter alia* on the growth of bilateral trade and economic relations between the two countries also. As a follow up to this initiative, Indian and British apex industry organisations recommended a plan of action aimed at doubling of the Indo-UK bilateral trade by the year 2007.

Enforcement of TRIPS

1241. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) which Government organization has been entrusted the responsibility of enforcement of the TRIPS; and

(b) whether Government have any plans for stricter enforcement of the TRIPS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) TRIPS

Agreement covers seven areas of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) which are protected in India by separate legislation. These Acts provide for civil and criminal remedies against infringement of these IPRs. For civil remedies, a right holder may file a suit in a court not inferior to a District Court having jurisdiction to try that suit in a manner specified in the concerned Act. Where there are provisions for criminal remedies for infringement of IPRs like trademark, copyright, etc. a police officer-in-charge of a police station can investigate a case on his own when the commission of a cognizable offence is brought to his knowledge. In case of non-cognizable offences, the police can investigate only on order of a Magistrate having power to try such case. Enforcement of the provisions dealing with criminal penalties is the responsibility of the State Governments through police force. Ministry of Human Resource Development has also taken several measures to strengthen enforcement of copyrights. These include setting up of Copyright Enforcement Advisory Council, organization of seminars/workshops to create greater awareness about copyright law among the enforcement personnel and general public, encouraging setting up of collective administrative societies, creation of separate cells in State police headquarters, etc.

International Leather Complex

1242. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of International Leather Complex in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal received in his Ministry; and

(c) the action his Ministry has contemplated thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of an international leather complex in Nellore District of the State has been received. The scheme for setting up a leather complex at an appropriate location is part of the "Integrated Leather Development